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MEMORANDUM

TO: Service list in D.T.E. 01-39 (via e-mail and regular mail)

FROM: Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer

RE: Joint Request for One-week Extension of Procedural Schedule

DATE: September 17, 2001

On September 14, 2001, Covad Communications Company ("Covad") and Verizon Massachusetts Inc. ("Verizon") jointly requested a one-week extension of the procedural schedule. Covad states that Covad and Verizon require more time to discuss settlement as a result of the extraordinary events that occurred last week. Covad represents that it has contacted AT&T and that AT&T has stated that it does not object to this request in light of the effect that the events in New York and Washington, D.C. have had upon the schedules of lawyers and business people involved in the settlement negotiations.

Rescheduling the dates of the evidentiary hearing and the briefing schedule will pose problems because of the holidays in November and December. The discovery schedule, however, has sufficient flexibility to be extended by one week as requested. Therefore, the hearing officer grants Covad and Verizon's request in part and sets the procedural schedule as follows:

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D.T.E. 01-39 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

September 26, 2001 AT&T/Covad Direct Testimony Due

October 24, 2001 Verizon Rebuttal Testimony Due

November 7, 2001 AT&T/Covad Surrebuttal Testimony Due

November 14, 2001 Discovery period closes

November 20, 2001 Evidentiary Hearing

November 29, 2001 Responses to Record Requests Due

December 6, 2001 Initial Briefs Due

December 20, 2001 Reply Briefs Due